Reduction ot Customs Duty on Drugs, Intermediates and Formutations

2295. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of CNEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3877 given K the Rajya Sabha on 21.4.94 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the 1994-95 budget,, customs duty on bulk drugs, intermediates and formulations was re luced;

(b) What are the names of the bulk drugs md formulations where the benefits of customs duty reduction have been passed on to the consumer and what were their prices before the duty reduction;

(c) whether it is a fact that major beneficiaries of duty reduction were-non-scheduled drugs and in none of the cases prices have been reduced; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that all the duty reduction have benefited the producers at the cost of consumers, if so, the steps taken by the Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF CHEMICAILS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to fd) The details willl] be collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Increase in air Traffic in Metropolitan Citices

2296. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: WiU the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) how far the increasing traffic jn air is fraught with the possibility of aid air collisions particularly in me ro politan cities;

fb) whether, to obiate the afo:.-'aid situation, the Director General ff Civil Aviation (DGCA) has recently issued directions that all the private aii- taxi operators should stagger their private schedule, and if so. what a ro (he details in this regard, and

(c) how far the afr taxi operators have complied with the directions issued by the DGCA?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION, AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Standard separation between aircraft flying on any rouse is maintained in accordance with the provisions laid down by the International Civil Aviation Organisation to obviate the possibility of midair collisions.

(b) and (c) Initial scrutiny of applications for grant of scheduled Aii Trans-port Operators permit has revealed that the schedules filed by the intending operators are likely to cause congestion at certain airports during certain hours. These issues were discussed with the intending operators in a meeting taken by DGA and the concerned operators have been advised to recast their schedules No revised proposal on schedules lias been received so fa .

Foreign tourists

2297. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI; Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(al what was the number <;! tourists who visited Shimla, Kashmir, Darjeeling and Gangtok during the last three years;

(b) what was the number of foreign tourists who visited the country during this period; and

te) what was the amount of money approximately earned from foreign tourists during this period?